

REMARKS

35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1 – 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Lansky (U.S. 3,232,312).

Claims 1 -18 are hereby withdrawn. New claims 19 and 23 are presented herewith. Claims 2, 4 – 11, and 16 – 18 are re-presented herewith as new claims 20 – 22 and 24 – 31.

The Lansky reference is a good example of exactly the sort cumbersome external wiring device that the present invention was developed to improve upon. Claim 19 structurally recites the multiple patentable distinctions over the Lansky reference.

New claim 19 recites that the solenoid leads are connected to electric contacts on the winding housing (see, claim 19, line 10). The claim further structurally recites that these contacts are disposed to establish electrical communication, when the winding housing is mounted, with a second pair of contacts being mounted on a seat (see, line 16), the seat being a portion of the valve block (see, lines 8 – 9).

The Lansky reference discloses a block. There is only one block in Lansky. It is plainly disclosed at column 2, lines 12 – 13 as a “main control valve block 4,” and clearly shown in figures 1 and 3 at reference numeral 4. The Office Action relies upon the proposition that the “valve block housing” previously recited in claim 1 “is readable on elements 3 and 4.” Element 3 in the Lansky relevant reference is not a block, or a part of a block. It is a housing. Specifically, it is part of “two-part housing 2:3” (see, column 2, line 11). This distinction is clearly illustrated in figures 1 and 3. Accordingly, the electrical contacts disclosed as pin 28 (see column 3, line 11) and “metal contact sleeves

14” (see column 2, line 58), do not touch the block (4) in any way shape or form. They are clearly recited as being between two portions of housing, 2, 3.

Pending claim 19 clearly recites a first pair of contacts on a mounting face on a winding housing, which are disposed to contact, when mounted, a second pair of contacts on a mounting seat *on the block*. The Lansky reference quite explicitly does not disclose contacts on the block, or any part of the block, and expressly discloses contacts between two different parts of the housing for the solenoid/valve assembly.

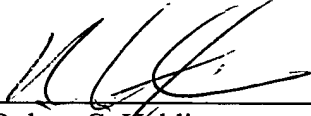
Moreover, by teaching the necessity of a two-part housing, Lansky not only fails to anticipate, but also fails to suggest or motivate the winding housing mounting face/block mounting seat connection structurally recited in the pending claims.

Conclusion

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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